

November 29, 2007

**FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Highlands High School Cafeteria on November 29, 2007, at 7:00 PM (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Fort Thomas Independent Schools Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 16-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There were 12 individuals in attendance at the hearing, exclusive of the hearing officer. Rita Byrd, Assistant Superintendent, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Those in attendance included the five board members, the superintendent, five other district administrators, and one reporter.

COMMENTS

Board Chair Karen Allen called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **the construction of a new Woodfill Elementary School on the existing site; continued renovation of the remaining portions of Highlands High School; construction of new Johnson Elementary School on the existing site; major renovation to Moyer Elementary School; construction of non-educational additions at Highlands High School; and construction, acquisition or renovation of district management support areas.**

Since no written testimony had been submitted to the district and no individuals were present to testify, the public hearing was adjourned.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Fort Thomas Independent Schools Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Fort Thomas Independent Schools Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Fort Thomas Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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Planning File

Attachments: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda
Fort Thomas Independent Schools District
Facility Plan